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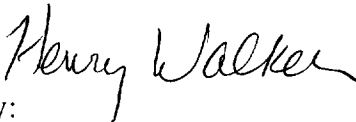
Re: BellSouth Tariff to Offer Contract Service Arrangement TN98-6303-01 for
ISDN Business Service
Docket No. 99-00262

Dear David:

Enclosed please find the original plus thirteen (13) copies of the Petition to
Intervene filed on behalf of NextLink Tennessee Inc. in the above-referenced proceeding. Also
attached is a check in the amount of \$25.00. Copies have been served on all parties of record.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC



By:
Henry Walker

HW/sja
cc: All parties

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE: TARIFF TO OFFER CONTRACT SERVICE ARRANGEMENT TN98-6303-01 FOR ISDN BUSINESS SERVICE

DOCKET NO. 99-00262

PETITION TO INTERVENE

NEXTLINK Tennessee, Inc. ("NEXTLINK") petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

NEXTLINK is authorized to provide competitive local exchange service in Tennessee. As a certified, competitive provider of local exchange service in Tennessee, NEXTLINK has legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other legal interests that may be affected by and determined in the above-captioned proceeding. NEXTLINK is concerned that special contracts entered into by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST") may illegally impede NEXTLINK's ability to compete in Tennessee.¹ Cost and revenue projections filed by BST in this docket indicate that, in the third year of the proposed contract, BST will be providing services to this customer at less than cost.

¹See "Supplement to Petitions to Intervene" filed by SECCA and NEXTLINK, Tennessee, Inc. in dockets 99-210, 99-230 and 99-244 for further information about BST's overall strategy of using customer contracts to impede competition.

Furthermore, allowing this intervention is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

NEXTLINK, therefore, seeks to intervene and participate as its interests may appear.

NEXTLINK asks that the Authority open a contested case proceeding in this matter and that NEXTLINK be granted leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights and responsibilities and to receive copies of any notices, or orders, or any other dockets filed herein, and to have such other, further and general relief as the justice of its causes may entitle it to receive.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been hand delivered or mailed to the following persons on the 13th day of May, 1999.

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